

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

We have already excluded airing of a range of views, i.e. ongoing commentary on opposition to the war against Iraq, a position held by the majority of Americans, yet not found in the TV or broadcast media; our very existence as a democracy is threatened. Any further move in the direction of a monolithic media spells the end of democracy as we know it.